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A Reminder Of Students' CIA Protest

To the Editor:

... The CIA relationship with the National Student Association is only the latest in a series of exposed operations involving CIA purchase and control of professors, departments, even whole research institutions.

Remember the student protests last month against CIA recruiting at the University of Iowa?

I invite each reader to think back: What was your own response to the reports of those demonstrations? Were you one of those who "just knew" that these strange young protesters must have been misled or misinformed? ...

I knew two of those demonstrators. They have been good students in one of my courses. Knowing them, I knew they were not to be dismissed as hysterics, lunkheads, or subversives. ...

Those students risked scorn to raise a warning and make a point. Were they "unrealistic," "out of step with their society"? Well, they were a jump ahead of Johnson, McCarthy and Mansfield.

Think about those students next time you are moved to worry about our universities.

... — George Starbuck, Assistant Professor, English, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.